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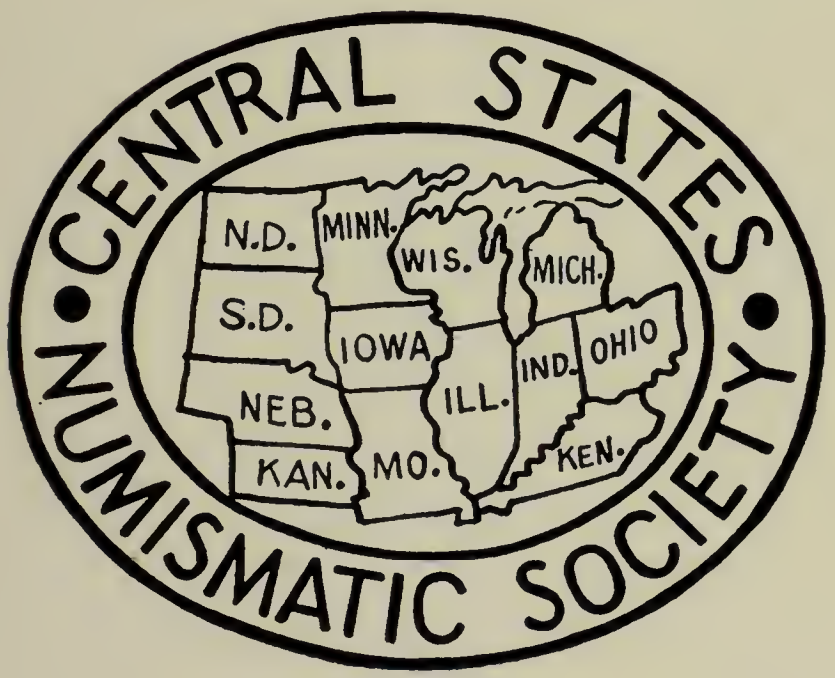

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BOARD HOLDS INTERIM MEETING AT LASALLE

The Governing Board of the Central States Numismatic Society held its fall interim meeting November 18 at the Kaskaskia Hotel in LaSalle, Ill. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Illinois Numismatic Association annual convention. Attending the meeting were President More, Vice President Hatie, Secretary Epps, Governors Porter, Smith, Cooper, Peterson, Finner, Gillett, and Centinel Editor Eisenberg. Governor Ray Janda was in LaSalle, but was called home on a matter of personal business.

The Board accepted an invitation from the Missouri Numismatic Society for the 1971 C.S.N.S. convention in St. Louis. David Cooper was named convention chairman. An invitation from the Milwaukee Numismatic Society for the 1972 convention was tabled until the spring board meeting in Detroit.

In other business, Robert Whitmore, President of the Peoria District Coin Club, presented President More with an ample check representing the Society's share of the 1967 convention revenue. Whitmore and Governor Gillette invited the Society to return to their city for conventions in the future. Reports were given for the 1968 Detroit, 1969 Chicago, and 1970 Cleveland conventions. Following the convention reports the Board discussed the Society's relationship with host clubs. It was decided that the C.S.N.S. would assist the local groups in any way possible, but would not infringe upon such matters as bourse dealer selection or specific convention arrangements.

President More initiated a discussion of the disposition of the Lincoln Medal sets, remaining from the 1965 convention, which are now owned by the Society. More displayed attractive plaques which were made up with these medals. The Board decided that it would make these sets available to member clubs for $8.00 per set if the sets are to be used for awards or prizes. If clubs wish to purchase these sets for resale the cost is $10.00 per set. Individual members may purchase sets from the Secretary for $15.00 for each set of three medals in Sterling, Bronze, and Aluminum. All requests for medals are to be addressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box 97, Homer, Michigan 49245.

Howard Eisenberg, Centinel Editor, gave his report and stated that no entries had been received for the Elston G. Bradfield Literary Award competition. Eisenberg expressed the hope that he would receive several articles prior to the April convention. Entries may be sent to P.O. Box 45307, Chicago, Ill. 60645. Eisenberg told the officers that the Centinel's advertising revenue had increased as had its size. He urged all officers and members to seek advertising for the publication.

Governor Gillette gave a report on the revision of the medal of merit design. Secretary Epps showed the members present a sample of the medallic life membership card being considered for use by the C.S.N.S. No action was taken on either matter, but the Governors asked for specific prices so a design can be made at the next meeting.

A brief discussion concluded the meeting. Several Governors and officers felt that a listing of attendance at Board meetings should be published in the Centinel. It was decided, however, that the Editor would continue to publish only those present at each meeting, without comment.

FROM YOUR OFFICERS

Now is the time to act like a C.S.N.S. member. This is your real opportunity to express your wishes. Who will represent you for the next two years? It is for you to say!

The response to our call for nominations was overwhelming. We have a good slate, so your choice of candidates may be difficult, but under any condition vote! Your vote IS important. The members voting in the recent A.N.A. election was slightly over 40% of the total roster. The C.S.N.S. doesn't do much better.

There have been instances in local and national elections when a change of one vote per precinct would have changed the election results. In fact, the difference for the top office in the last C.S.N.S. election was five votes. Three votes would have changed the final result. This means that one-quarter vote per state would have elected a different person to the office.

Is your vote important? I am certain this message tells you that it is! When you receive your ballot, consider the candidates carefully and vote wisely — BUT VOTE!!

—Philip J. More, President

Nominations for Officers and Board of Governors closed November 30, 1967. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a listing of those who accept. I am sorry so many declined. The dates of the Detroit convention are April 19-21, 1968. Your ballot will be mailed to you March 1, 1968 — fifty days prior to the start of the convention. Your ballot will be marked and mailed back bearing a postmark no later than March 31, 1968 —twenty days prior to the convention. You will find these rules in Section 7 and 8 on page 4 of the new By-laws. By the way, a copy of these new By-laws was mailed to every member with the October, 1967 Centinel. If you failed to receive a copy please advise me and one will gladly be mailed to you. I hope you all exercise your franchise to vote.

Your Governing Board met in LaSalle, Ill. on November 18, 1967.

Many things are "cooking" for the future, and if you have any "pet project" you would like to see the Central States instigate or any item you feel unhappy about — I would appreciate your writing me. Otherwise plan on the Detroit Convention and don't forget to vote.

—Dr. F. S. Epps, Secretary

DETROIT TO HOST 26th ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Detroit Coin Club will act as host for the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Central States Numismatic Society. The conclave will be held April 19-21, 1968 at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel in Downtown Detroit. Vice President Ben Stocker and Daniel Parker will act as co-general chairman for the mid-west's largest numismatic event of the year. A large bourse and exceptional exhibits are promised by the local committee.

As a convenience for Society members, you will find enclosed with this issue of The Centinel a hotel reservation card Early reservations are urged as a large attendance is anticipated. All members are asked to mention the Society convention in all communications with the Sheraton-Cadillac.

Requests for bourse space is now being accepted by Stocker. Members of the Society who wish information may contact the Co-Chairman at 17331 Greenfield, Apt. 2, Detroit, Mich. 48235. Exhibit space may be obtained by writing Parker, 11690 Penrod, Detroit, Michigan 48228. Only members in good standing of the C.S.N.S. may competitively exhibit or rent a bourse table. Membership applications are available from Sec. Epps.

Other convention activities include a ladies' luncheon and other ladies' activities, door prizes, and a Saturday night banquet. In addition to the annual C.S.N.S. business meeting, the Michigan Token and Medal Society and the Michigan Paper Money Collectors will meet in conjunction with the Society convention.

Stocker and Parker promise an outstanding convention and invite all Society members and their families to make plans now to attend the spring convention. As the A.N.A. convention is on the West Coast this might be the only chance many members will have this year of attending a major convention. Plan now to attend!

ATTENTION

The following are dates of future C.S.N.S. Conventions:

April 19-21, 1968	Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel	Detroit, Michigan
May 2- 4, 1969	Sheraton-Chicago Hotel	Chicago, Illinois
1970		Cleveland, Ohio
April 27-29, 1971	Chase Hotel	St. Louis, Missouri

Invitations for future conventions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer. Information and particulars may be obtained from Howard B. Eisenberg, P.O. Box 45307, Chicago, Illinois 60645.

Howard B. Eisenberg
Director of Public Relations

A LINCOLN MEDALET OF THE FIRST CENTRAL STATES MEETING

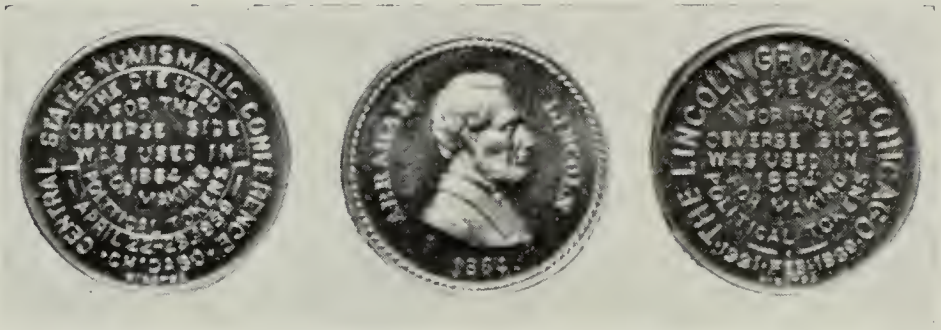
By ARLIE R. SLABAUGH
C.S.N.S. 670

Except for the older members, it is not too well known today among Central Staters that the C.S.N.S. had a medalet for its initial organizational meeting. This meeting, which was held April 23, 1939 at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, was described in the July, 1965 issue of The Centinel.

The medal was the work of J. Henri Ripstra, well-known Chicago die sinker and numismatist. For the obverse he used an old die in his possession, William H. Keys (Philadelphia) 1864 token for Lincoln's political campaign, which after the Civil War was muled with several tokens. (See DeWitt, AL-1864-74 to 77 and King #114-121 and 637-638).

Obverse, portrait of Lincoln facing right, ABRAHAM LINCOLN at sides, date 1864 below K (for Key) beneath bust. Reverse, inscription only: within center circle, THE DIE USED FOR THE OBVERSE SIDE WAS USED IN 1864 FOR MAKING POLITICAL TOKENS; around the outer edge, CENTRAL STATES NUMISMATIC CONFERENCE — APRIL 22-23, 1939 — CHICAGO. At the bottom edge RIPSTRA.

It is not known how many were made, but it is believed that in the neighborhood of 100 or 200 were given out. Part, if not all, were placed in a small cardboard holder, about 1½x2 inches in size with a printed inscription about the meeting.



Even less is known about another medalet by Ripstra using the same obverse, but with a different reverse. This piece was for the Lincoln Group of Chicago, a small group of Lincoln students, and is mentioned because of its similarity and because it was issued shortly before the C.S.N.S. medalet — Ripstra probably got the ieda for the Central States piece from it. The reverse bears a similar inscription in center with THE LINCOLN GROUP OF CHICAGO 1931-FEB-1939 around the outer edge and Ripstra's name below. White medal, 18 mm. It is estimated that less than a hundred were struck, possibly as few as 35.

Arlie Slabaugh, Director of Numismatic Information for the Franklin Mint, Yeadon, Pennsylvania, was formerly Associate Editor of the Numismatic Scrapbook magazine. His works have been widely published. He has been honored for his literary contributions by the Society, TAMS, and at the Chicago Coin Club.

OFFICIAL NOMINATION REPORT

For President
(Nomination Accepted)

BEN STOCKER ..... Detroit, Michigan

For First Vice President
(Nomination Accepted)

GEORGE D. HATIE ..... Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

For Second Vice President
(Nomination Accepted)

RAY LEFMAN ..... Kansas City, Missouri

(Nominations Declined)

DAVID L. COOPER ..... St. Louis, Missouri
ROLAND W. FINNER ..... Northfield, Minnesota
CLIFF GILLETTE ..... Peoria, Illinois

For Secretary-Treasurer
(Nominations Accepted)

DR. F. S. EPPS ..... Homer, Michigan
ROLAND W. FINNER ..... Northfield, Minnesota

For Board of Governors
(Thirteen to be elected with no state being represented by more than two Governors)
(Nominations Accepted)

PHILIP L. BUDD ..... Ft. Madison, Iowa
DAVID L. COOPER ..... St. Louis, Missouri
HOWARD B. EISENBERG ..... Chicago, Illinois
JOHN J. GABARRON ..... Lincoln, Nebraska
ERWIN C. GERBER ..... Milwaukee, Wisconsin
RALPH HARDMAN, Jr. ..... Shawnee Mission, Kansas
AUGUST F. HAUSSKE ..... Chicago, Illinois
RAY M. JANDA ..... Kansas City, Missouri
DONALD JENSEN ..... Humboldt, Iowa
SOL KAPLAN ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
CLIFFORD LINDALL ..... Chesterton, Indiana
DR. GEORGE L. PODLUSKY ..... Chicago, Illinois
RICHARD E. PETERSON ..... Homewood, Illinois
J. B. SHIREY ..... Ft. Wayne, Indiana
C. A. M. SMITH ..... Detroit, Michigan

(Nominations Declined)

MRS. VIRGINIA CULVER ..... Thiensville, Wisconsin
ROLAND W. FINNER ..... Northfield, Minnesota
GORDON GILL ..... Madison, Wisconsin
CLIFFORD A. GILLETTE ..... Peoria, Illinois
RAY LEFMAN ..... Kansas City, Missouri
R. T. McNAMARA ..... Cleveland, Ohio
RUSSELL E. PORTER ..... Milwaukee, Wisconsin
LEO G. TERRY ..... Indianapolis, Indiana

(Candidates' biographies begin on the following page)

BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES FOR C.S.N.S. OFFICES

Article III Section 7 of the By-Laws of the Society require that Secretary cause to be published the biographies of candidates for Society offices. All members are urged to read the following biographical sketches of the members proposed for office and consider wisely those whom you feel can best serve you and the C.S.N.S.

For President

BEN STOCKER — Detroit, Michigan
Member A.N.A., six years C.S.N.S. Governor. Past President Michigan State Numismatic Society and Detroit Coin Club, Chairman Detroit Coin Club Board of Governors, and Governor of M.S.N.S. Bourse Chairman of all numismatic conventions held in the Detroit area the last ten years, including A.N.A., C.S.N.S., C.N.A., and Michigan State. Collecting specialty is foreign gold.*

For First Vice President

GEORGE D. HATIE—Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan
Corporation attorney since 1933. Age 57. C.S.N.S. Life Member No. 77. Second Vice President Central States Numismatic Society (1966-67). Legal Counsel, C.S.N.S. (1962-67). Medal of Merit C.S.N.S. 1965. A.N.A. Governor (1967-). A.N.A. Legal Counsel (1965-67). President, Michigan State Numismatic Society (1964), President, Detroit Coin Club (1964), President, Grosse Pointe Numismatic Society (1960). President, Lake Erie Exonumist Society (1963-64). Second Vice President, Token and Medal Society (1966-67). Treasurer, Token and Medal Society (1963-66). Governor, Society of Paper Money Collectors (1964-66). Publicity Chairman of 1960 C.S.N.S. Convention, 1962 A.N.A. Convention, and 1960, 1961, and 1963 M.S.N.S. Conventions. Awards Chairman, 1965 M.S.N.S. Convention. Special Events Chairman, 1966 and 1967 M.S.N.S. Conventions. Recipient of numerous Best-In-Show and First Place Exhibit Awards, including Best-In-Show and First Place Exhibit Awards at C.S.N.S. Conventions. Medal of Merit G.P.N.S. (1964). Honorary Life Member M.S.N.S. Member various numismatic organizations.

For Second Vice President

RAY O. LEFMAN — Kansas City, Missouri
Life member A.N.A. and C.S.N.S. Life member No. 1 in Heart of America Numismatic Association, as well as Past President and other offices. Chairman of several shows. Active as a member of several A.N.A. Committees. Governor and Past President of C.S.N.S. Member of Assay Commission, 1964. Teacher in the Kansas City School System for seven years. Graduate of Missouri State Teachers College B.A. degree in Social Studies and M.A. in Education in Special Education. Thirteen years in retail drug business. Four years in army. Active in civic affairs in Kansas City and Boy Scout work. Exhibitor and judge at many shows.*

BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES Continued

For Secretary-Treasurer

DR. F. STEVENS EPPS — Homer, Michigan

Physician 40 years C.S.N.S. Life Member number 70. A.N.A. Member number 7679. Member Michigan State, Indiana State, Iowa State, and Penn-Ohio Numismatic Societies. Secretary, Central States Numismatic Society (1957-62). President, Central States Numismatic Society (1962-64). Also your present Secretary (1966-68). Medal of Merit C.S.N.S. (1958). A.N.A. Chairman National Coin Week 1952. Founder and Past President Kanawha Valley Coin Club. Founder and Past President Albion Coin Club. Ten years a member of the Central States Official Family. Recognized authority on chemistry of plastics since 1946. Spoken on many educational programs on the relation of plastics to coins. Articles contributed to Numismatist, Numismatic Scrapbook, Numismatic News, and Coin World. Thirty years in numismatics. Custodian Central States Properties. Historian of Central States.

ROLAND W. FINNER — Northfield, Minnesota

Currently Governor of the C.SN.S. and Editor of MOON Views, official publication of the Minnesota Organization of Numismatists. He served as Secretary of MOON for two years and Secretary for the Winona (Minn.) Coin Club for nine years. He is Past President of the College City (Northfield) Coin Club. He is a member of the A.N.A., C.N.A., C.S.N.S., MOON, and state and local clubs too numerouse to mention — he has held various offices in many state and local groups. A well known numismatist, Finner has contributed time freely, promoting the hobby in his area, especially among the young collectors. He is employed as the Assistant Director of News and Publicity for Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.

For Members of the Board of Governors

PHILIP L. BUDD — Fort Madison, Iowa

Member of A.N.A., C.S.N.S., I.N.A., ILL.N.A. Charter member of O.I.N. and 10 local area clubs. Past President of the Iowa Numismatic Association. Served on the 1966 Assay Commission. Was National Coin Judge in 1965 and 1966. Employee of the Santa Fe Railroad.

DAVID L. COOPER — St. Louis, Missouri

Vice President of the Missouri Numismatic Society and has just received an Honorary Liftetime Membership in that Society for his service to the Club and Numismatics in general. He has served one term as a member of the Central States Board of Governors, and was Chairman of the Committee for the Missouri Numismatic Society's successful Bid for the 1970 A.N.A. Convention and the 1971 Central States Convention, both to be held in St. Louis

HOWARD B. EISENBERG — Chicago, Illinois

Member C.S.N.S., A.N.S., A.N.A., O.I.N., ILL.N.A., Chicago Coin Club and many other organizations. Editor of The Centinel, official publication of the Central States Numismatic Society (1966-68); Director Illi-

nois Numismatic Association (1967-69); Director of Public Relations C.S.N.S. (1965-68), Chicago Coin Club (1963-68), Illinois Numismatic Association (1967-68). Member A.N.A. Young Numismatists Committee (1965-68). Publicity Chairman 1965 C.S.N.S. convention and 1966 A.N.A. convention. Editor souvenir program 1966 A.N.A. convention. Member of numerous committees for both the C.S.N.S. and C.C.C. Winner of many Best-In-Shows and First Place awards including C.S.N.S. and A.N.A. conventions. Has written articles which have appeared in many major numismatic publications.

JOHN J. GABARRON — Lincoln, Nebraska

A.N.A. Librarian (1957-67); Custodian of Archives; Custodian of Cases; Sgt.-at-Arms; Election Committee, 1953 Dallas convention; Bourse and Exhibit Chairman 1955 Omaha convention; Life Member 279; Award Medal of Merit 1956. Married, two children, six grandchildren; Age 48, Chief Training Officer, Lincoln Fire Department; Board of Governors, City Employees Credit Union; Cub Master and Scouter 17 years; Member 1962 Assay Commission; Board of Governors Central States Numismatic Society; Medal Chairman, Governor's Nebraska Centennial Commission; Charter Member, Past President and Past Secretary-Treasurer of Nebraska Numismatic Association; Charter Member and first President of Lincoln Coin Club; Life Member of Panhandle Coin Club, Blue Valley Coin Club, Honorary Member Heart of America Numismatic Association and member of A.N.S., C.N.A., O.T.A.C.S., C.S.N.S and various other clubs.

ERWIN C. GERBER — Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Member of the A.N.A. for 30 years. District Representative 10 years. Life Member. Member of C.S.N.S. since it started. Life Member 9. Vice President, and Board Member of C.S.N.S. Medal of Merit. Milwaukee Numismatic Society; Member since 1936; Secretary, Vice President, and President. Has taught a class in numismatics for adults at Shorewood High School for the past four years. Also has written a series of articles on numismatics for coin magazine.

RALPH D. HARDMAN, Jr. — Shawnee Mission, Kansas

C.S.N.S. Life Member 90. Member American Numismatic Association, L.M. 376, Heart of America Numismatic Association L.M. 10 and Kansas City Numismatic Society. Has held the following offices: First Vice President HANA (1964) and K.C.N.S. (1964). President HANA (1965-66). Served as Exhibit Chairman C.S.N.S. Convention in Kansas City (1964). General Chairman HANA-Mid-West Coin Show (1966), Exhibit Chairman HANA Mid-West Coin Show (1960-63). He is thirty-five years old and has been a collector twenty-four years. Has been a member of C.S.N.S. since 1957 and has attended most conventions since being a member.

AUGUST HAUSSKE — Chicago, Ill.

Member of A.N.A. and C.S.N.S., served on the board of the latter. Aided and guided the A.N.A. committee which formulated exhibit rules. Was chairman of exhibit committee at 1965 A.N.A. convention in Chicago. Has served in numerous capacities for the Chicago Coin Club.*

BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES Continued

RAY M. JANDA — Kansas City, Missouri

Member A.N.A., C.S.N.S., and numerous other numismatic organizations. Has served C.S.N.S. as a member of the Board, Second Vice President, and First Vice President. Has held all elective offices in the Heart of America Numismatic Association. Was Chairman of National Coin Week in 1958 and Co-Chairman of 1964 C.S.N.S. Convention in Kansas City. Spent many years promoting numismatics with Junior members and Cub Scouts.*

DONALD JENSEN—Humboldt, Iowa

Past President, Iowa Numismatic Association. Current Governor of the C.S.N.S. Organizer of several local area clubs. Member of several local, regional, and state organizations.

SOL KAPLAN — Cincinnati, Ohio

Member A.N.A., C.S.N.S. and numerous other numismatic organizations. He has served as a member of the C.S.N.S. Board and as Executive Vice President of the Professional Numismatists Guild. A veteran numismatist, collector, and dealer, he has been prominently active in nationwide numismatic affairs.*

CLIFFORD LINDALL — Chesterton, Indiana

Collector for forty years. Member from start of Central States. Served several previous terms as Governor. Life Member 163 of A.N.A. and has served on several committees. Long time member of Chicago Coin Club, and Calumet Numismatic Society.

DR. GEORGE L. PODLUSKY, M.D.— Chicago, Illinois

Member: C.S.N.S., A.N.A., Orders and Medal Society of America (P.M.S.A.), Midwestern Orders and Medals Society (MID.O.M.S.), Orders and Medals Research Society, Illinois Numismatic Society, Canadian Society of Military Medals and Insignia. Present Director O.M.S.A., President MID.O.M.S. Series of articles on Ukrainian Medals and Decorations in "The Medal Collector." Winner 1966 A.N.A. "Howland Wood Memorial Grand Award," 1966 "Burton Saxton Memorial Award," 1964, 65 and 66 "Best of Show" O.M.S.A., other "Bests" and "First." etc. Collecting interests: Bavarian orders, medals, and Decorations, Lifesaving awards; Red Cross Awards; Ukrainian Medals and Decorations; Russian Medals and Decorations; Austrian Medals and Decorations, etc. Judge 1967 C.S.N.S., A.N.A. Judging Committee.

RICHARD E. PETERSON — Chicago, Illinois

Life Member of C.S.N.S. and Illinois Numismatic Association, Member of A.N.S., A.N.A., A.C.C.A., Chicago Coin Club, Cal Harbor Stamp & Coin Club. Served as First Vice President of the Chicago Coin Club, and Bourse Chairman of the 1966 A.N.A. Convention. Has served as officers in the above clubs and at conventions. Collecting specialty Byzantine Empire coinage, has won awards exhibiting.*

J. B. SHIREY — Fort Wayne, Indiana

Collector since 1930 in both numismatics and philatelics. Specialized collector of wooden money. Many firsts and two best of shows in this category. Past Secretary Fort Wayne Coin Club. President Fort Wayne Coin Club (1968). Member A.N.A., C.S.N.S., I.S.N.A., I.O.W.-M.C., O.F.C.C., and local clubs in Ohio and Indiana.

BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES Continued

C. A. M. SMITH — Detroit, Michigan
Life Member C.S.N.S. and at present member of Board of Governors. Member A.N.A., C.N.A., Detroit Coin Club, and Michigan State Numismatic Society. Charter Member and Former President of Dearborn Coin Club.*

Editor's Note: In fairness to the candidates these biographies have been edited as little as possible. Those sketches marked with an asterick (*) indicate that the Secretary has instructed the Editor to reprint biographies appearing in previous issues of the Centinel. The Editor regretfully assumes no responsibility for the indicated (*) biographies.

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Howard B. Eisenberg, Editor

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HISTORY OF THE C.S.N.S.

By DR. F. S. EPPS

(Continued from October issue)

Central States Convention was held in St. Louis, Missouri, April 26-28, 1957. Meeting was called to order by President Gerber at 10:30 A.M. in the Washington Room of the Hotel Statler.

Dr. F. S. Epps was appointed Secretary pro-tem by President Gerber. Secretary's report for the period ending April 24, 1957 was read by Mr. Vernon Sheldon. The Governing Board was much grieved by the recent stroke suffered by the beloved Secretary Earl C. Brown. Dr. Epps was nominated and elected to fill out the term of the Secretary. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Sheldon for his excellent work in stepping into the breech caused by the illness of Mr. Brown. Deceased members during the past year were noted, standing minute of prayer was called for by the President.

A report on the Convention Planning Committee was give by President Gerber as a guide to future conventions. Vice President Boosel was appointed Chairman of the committee to carry on. Nominations made and subsequently elected were the following for the ensuing year 1957-58: President, Erwin C. Gerber; Vice President, Harry X Boosel; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. F. S. Epps. Governors included Harold E. Baker, Iowa; Harold L. Bowen, Michigan; Harry Collura, Wisconsin; D. Wayne Johnson, Missouri; Sol Kaplan, Ohio; Louis R. Karp, Kentucky; Clifford Lindall, Indiana; Mark H. Nelson, Minnesota; and Theodore F. Porkoney, Illinois.

Two invitations for the 1959 convention were presented, one from Kansas City the other from Detroit. The 1958 convention was awarded to Cincinnati. Life membership number 69 was voted to J. Thomas Nolan. The auditing committee showed assets of the Society at $492.42. It was moved that Earl C. Brown be presented Life membership number 72, and that his wife be kept in the active membership status with dues remitted for life. It was decided that all officers would be elected to one year terms except the Secretary who would serve for two years.

The 1959 Convention was awarded to Kansas City. A committee on exhibit cases was appointed with Harold Baker chairman, Clifford Lindall, and Theodore F. Porkoney. D. Wayne Johnson sparked a discussion of the Central States Seal and a possible redesigning of same. The President appointed Mr. Johnson chairman with power to select his own committee and to report June, 1957 at the Chicago interim meeting. Glenn Smedley was appointed chairman of the committee on medals.

An interim meeting of the Board of Governors was held June 1, 1957 at the Congress Hotel in Chicago. Officers present were Gerber, Boosel, Epps, and Porkoney. Non-board members present were Glenn Smedley and Lillard Culver. President Gerber reported that Detroit had accepted the convention for 1960. Mr. Culver gave a report as chairman of the convention guide committee. A draft has been drawn up and will be sumitted to members by Mr. Culver. The subject of exhibit cases for the 1959 convention was again discussed.

It was decided that laminated life membership cards would be provided each life member. Dr. F. S. Epps, Michael Kolman, and Dudley C. Brown were elected to life membership. The membership in the Society as of April 24, 1957 stood at 467 with a cash balance in the treasury of $492.74.

(To be continued)

ROMANTIC MONEY

By RUSSELL E. PORTER — C.S.N.S. 557

Many people have the idea that money is made of precious metal. With a little effort we find that a great number and variety of metals and articles have been used, at one time or another, as a medium of exchange. Many forms of currency still in use have been handed down since the dawn of civilization.

The shepherds and herdsmen of the East, the cradle of modern civilization, looked upon their cattle and sheep as a standard of pecuniary wealth. And well they might! The Latin word "Pecus" meaning cattle, is the root of the word "pecunia" which means in our time everything that serves to measure value. Sheep and cattle were probably the first currency. On the island of Yap huge, round stones were used. The natives of Papua used dried, smoked, polished skulls: a wife being worth five skulls and a canoe worth fifty skulls. Corn (grain) is still used in parts of Norway. Skins, feathers, tobacco, codfish, salt, teeth, and shell beads (wampum) were used and became legal tender. In North America wampum was used in the colonies where they were accepted for taxes. Money has been made of coral, terra-cotta, parts of human bones, precious stones and wood. Implements such as fish-hooks, cloth, brass rods and almost anything useful has at some time and place been used for money. These primitive forms of money were useful only as long as they were used locally.

When the horse was introduced into warfare and commerce sometimes before 1800 B.C., a new medium of exchange was invented — METAL! A weight of bronze, silver or gold was easier to transport, had a fixed value, and was in demand, throughout the ancient world.

The invention of coins was a natural sequence. Ingots of metal were stamped with a device stating weight and fineness when used in commerce. To eliminate the necessity of verification by each new owner an official mark was required. To prevent disputes the government took over the vested right to do this. Gradually coins developed from crude lumps to the neat, convenient coins we take for granted today. Milling and lettering was placed around the edges to prevent clipping.

Historians think that the first silver and gold coins were minted in Aegina. They were bean shaped and bore the image of a tortoise, the Phonecian symbol of the goddess of the sea. Silver is still being produced from mines which most likely furnished the metal for these ancient coins.

The vast majority of coins produced have been dollars, and their fractional counterparts. Count Schlick of Joachimthal in Bohemia minted the first dollar sized coin in 1456. This coin had a wide circulation. The word "thaler" was corrupted into "taler" then "daler" and finally "dollar." Spain struck coins of thaler size out of the large silver and gold treasure of Mexico, South and Central America.

When the United States became a nation we used the Spanish milled dollars as a basis of our currency, mostly because of its common use in the colonies and also to break away from the British system of coinage used in British North America.

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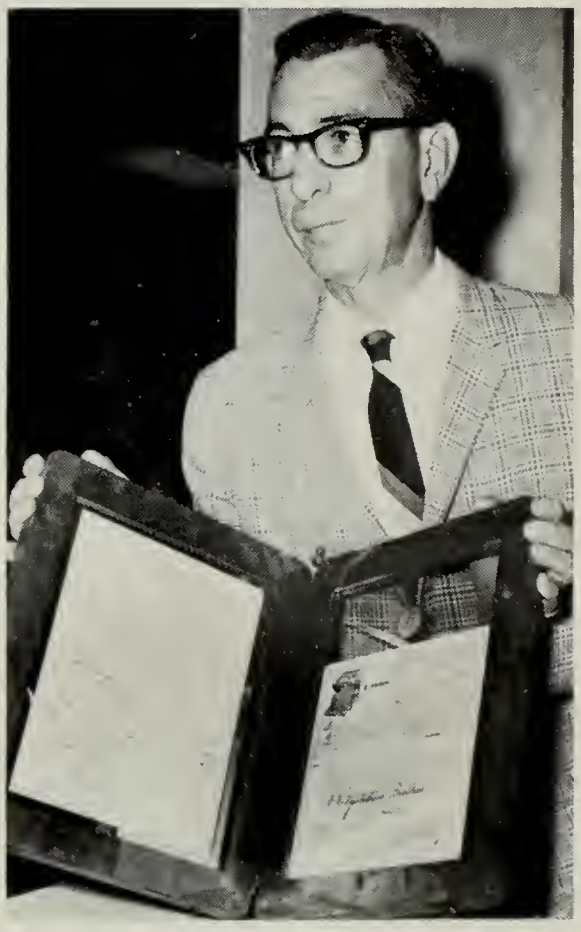
CLUB CORNER

The Fort Wayne Coin Club held its tenth annual show October 14-15. George C. Courtesis, President of the Host Club, won the Best-of-Show award for his exhibit of paper money. At the October meeting of the Club Dr. F. S. Epps, Secretary of Central States, spoke on the preservation of uncirculated and proof coinage. At the November meeting James Shirley was elected the group's new President . . . The entire slate of officers of the Chicago Coin Club was re-elected at the December meeting. Jim Grebinger will begin his second term as President. The C.C.C. co-sponsored the annual convention of the Professional Numismatists Guild, October 18-22, at Chicago's Palmer House. A crowd of three thousand collectors jammed the bourse and exhibit rooms. Despite three robberies in the hotel during the convention Chairman Dave Shapiro termed the show "a huge success." The convention was so successful that the P.N.G. will return to Chicago for their 1968 convention. The highlight of this year's convention was the exhibition of the first Columbian half dollar struck in 1892 and 1893 (see photo) . . . The newly formed Numismatic Council of Greater Kansas City sponsored a major show at the Continental Hotel the week-end following Thanksgiving. Ed Rochette, Editor of the Numismatist; Al Overton, well known dealer and author of the new work on half dollar varieties; and Paul Whitah, member of the A.N.A. Junior Numismatists Committee took part in the educational program. Best of Show at the convention was won by Verl Harvey of Denver. A spring show is planned by the Council . . . The Midwest Numismatic Association is one of the few clubs which nominated several candidates for the various officers of the organization. Gene Arthur and Dale Thompson were nominated for the top position . . . The Iowa Numismatic Association has sent out an attractive calendar to its members for 1968 . . . The Michigan Numismatic Society, the Nebraska Numismatic Association,



P.N.G. show Chairman, Dave Shapiro, poses with the first 1892 Columbian half dollar.

the Minnesota Organization of Numismatist, and the Illinois Numismatic Association have each issued extremely attractive fall issues of their respective publications . . . More than 2500 collectors and 49 dealers were on hand at the Michigan State Numismatic Society Convention, November 24-26 at the Detroit Howard Johnson Motor Hotel. Virtually all dealers reported brisk business. During the convention several specialized groups held meetings. Charles Ricard, Chicago, was elected President of La Societe Americaine Pour L'etude De La Numismatique Francaise. On Friday evening of the convention Charles

Hoskiins moderated an educational forum. Max Brail, Jackson, Mich.; Jim Curto, Detroit; and Holland Wallace, Racine, Wisconsin spoke on various topics (see photo). At the Paper Money Society of Michigan meeting Clem Bailey spoke on various humorous topics. Dan Parker Chairman of the convention and newly elected M.S.N.S. President announced a one dollar increase in the organization's dues . . . The Missouri Numismatic Society of St. Louis held three exceptional fall meetings. Louis H. Buehler spoke at the November meeting on Numismatic Errors. At the special Christmas meeting A. Paul Davis described the recreation of Aaron's Breastplate now on display in a Green Lake, Wisconsin religious museum. Coffee and an exchange of gifts followed the most interesting talk . . . Richard Earhart spoke on the 10c piece of Trennggganu at the November meeting of the Western Reserve Numismatic Club of Cleveland. The election of officers was held at the December meeting . . . The Illinois Numismatic Association held its annual convention in LaSalle November 18-19. Roy Kuester was reelected the Association's President. Phil More C.S.N.S. President, was installing officer (see photo). The Best of Show award was won by James Plath of Chicago for his exhibit of ancients (see photo p.17).

Phil More (left) presents ILL-N.A. gavel to President Roy Kuester.

The A.N.A. has designated April 21-27 as National Coin Week. This year's theme is "History Under Glass." Clark A. Yowell, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901, is this year's chairman for N.C.W.

M.S.N.S. educational speakers Holland Wallace, Jim Curto and Max Brail.

ILLINOIS' MEDAL INCURS COLLECTORS' WRATH

By HOWARD B. EISENBERG — Editor

This year — 1968 — marks the one-hundred fiftieth anniversary of Illinois' statehood. Governor Kerner appointed a Sesquicentennial Commission to organize the state's celebration of this anniversary. One of the methods employed by the Commission to promote and finance the celebration was the issuance of a commemorative medal.

The medal was designed by Gilroy Roberts and was struck by the Franklin Mint. The Commission had a quarter of a million medals struck in bronze, while ten thousand were issued in .900 fine silver. The medals were distributed by banks and savings and loans in the state who purchased the medals from the Commission at the rate of two silver for every fifty bronze ordered.

It immediately became obvious that more people would want the silver medals than there were medals available The banks and S&L's solved the problem in various ways. Some institutions ran contests to distribute their silver medals, other insisted you buy ten, twenty-five, or sometimes fifty medals in bronze in order to purchase one or two silver specimen Other banks have been sitting on the silver medals not knowing what to do with them. The largest segment of the banks and savings and loan, however, simply kept the silver medals for themselves, selling only the bronze examples

In September or October we called the Sesquicentennial Commission to ask what was going on with the silver medals. We were very politely told that there was such a small issue of silver medals because "we wanted the piece to become a collector's item." The Commission succeeded in doing this — in mid-November the silver medals were realizing almost twice what the 1918 Lincoln Commemorative half dollar were getting at local dealers'. This was while the medals were still (supposedly) available from the banks and S&L's for $7.50.

At a local club meeting a month or so ago I was told that the "National Commemorative Society" was issuing the Illinois' medal. Although this report was false it again spurred a call to the Sesquicentennial Commission. This time I spoke to Mr. Len Hoffman, one of the assistant chairmen of the Commission. Mr. Hoffman went to the trouble of calling the Franklin Mint to ascertain what types of medals were struck — it turned out to be a clad stock-holder medal that I had seen, not the N.C.S. medal. Mr. Hoffman told me that the medal had been sold out — this in the first week of December, 1967 — in both bronze and silver and asked me to call this to the attention of our members. He also said that this medal was "the most successful state commemorative medal ever issued."

My point in writing this short article is not to criticize the Sesquicentennial people, but to point out what seems to me to be a lack of numismatic acumen on the part of the issuing agency. Hundreds of collectors were denied the chance to purchase the silver medals while thousands of non-collectors are holding these medals as either an investment or as a curiosity. The three hundred medals that were presented to political figures, for example, would have been much more welcome in the collections of the numismatists of Illinois and America. By creating a "collector's item" the Commission has put profit before education as is indicated by Mr. Hoffman's statement that the medals was "the most successful." It might have been successful to the Commission and the State, but it was a huge failure to the Illinois' numismatics.

(This article reflects the opinion only of the author, and not necessarily that of the Society.)

NEWS BRIEFS

The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine, published by Hewitt Brothers of Chicago has been sold to the Sidney Publishing Company (Coin World). Although details of the sale have not been learned, the change in ownership will take place in the spring. The sale will not effect the publishing of the Centinel, which is also printed by the Hewitt Brothers firm.

Ralph Bondon, Sr., C.S.N.S. 932, died of an apparent heart attack October 7, he was 52. The life long resident of Kansas City was a member of the Heart of America Numismatic Association as well as the A.N.A. and C.S.N.S. Bondon was the owner of a restaurant, a Director of the Kansas City Restaurant Association, and President of the War Parkway Homes Association He was also active as a counselor for the Boy Scouts of America.

Bondon is survived by his widow, three sons, a brother, and a sister.

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The P.N.G. and A.N.A. have each matched the $500 donation of the Organization of International Numismatics to the newly founded American Numismatic Authentication Trust. This authentication service is being organized independent of all numismatic organizations, but has for its trustees Virgil Hancock, Houston; Abe Kosoff, Encino, California; and John J. Pittman, Rochester, N.Y. The group hopes to raise $50,000 and establish its headquarters in either Washington, D.C. or New York City where it can be close to the finest collections of American coins. Donations are solicted by each of the trustees. Hancock summed up the need for such a program by saying, "If all the collectors who unsuspectingly have bought counterfeit 1939-D and 1950-D nickels, and 1909-S VDB cents would contribute just ten per cent of what they've paid for those fakes, we'd soon have the needed money." Hancock's address is P.O. Box 939, Bellaire, Texas.

The A.NA. Committee on Young Numismatists is studying a proposal made by Virginia Bronson to help revise the Boy Scout Merit Badge requirements for coin collecting. It is felt that the badge because it stresses the expensive areas of American coinage while neglecting the equally important and more obtainable areas of foreign coinage, paper money, and tokens. Mrs. Bronson asks for your thoughts on this problem. Her address is 6325A Hunter Avenue, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri 64030.

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Kuester presents Best of Show award to Jim Plath at Illinois Convention.

EDITORIAL

Let's Make a Decision Now!

In the year we have been Editor of the Centinel we have learned many things about the Central States Numismatic Society and about its members. One of the most important things I have learned about the C.S.N.S. and its publication is that no matter what you put into the Centinel the majority of the members don't read it. To be sure a few people do read our publication — even a few officers have taken the time to let your Editor know their thoughts on our publication.

At one of the Board meetings at the Peoria convention, for example, one of the officers of the Society thought it would be a very good idea if we published the dates of future conventions in every issue of The Centinel. When I told him that this had been done in every issue I had edited he was rather amazed. From time to time at Board meetings and at less official discussions we have discussed eliminating, expanding, or changing our publication in various ways. My feeling has been that a good organization must have a good publication. I have attempted to expand the Centinel whenever and wherever possible. This costs a great deal of money, and eventually this cost will have to be passed on to the membership in the form of a dues increase. If, on the other hand, we do not expand The Centinel we can maintain our low dues and still have money to buy more cases with or to simply keep in the bank.

The point is that it is silly for me and a few others to work hard on something the members are not really interested in. We have asked for articles for the past year, but we have gotten very few. We have written letters and begged for advertising, but only a few dealers have sent us ads. I'm very proud of the Central States Numismatic Society and of The Centinel. I have dreams — perhaps fantasies — of making The Centinel a great publication.

I am, therefore, asking you the membership (or that segment of the membership that reads as far as page 18 of The Centinel) to let me know what you think. Do you think it pays for the Society to continue to publish The Centinel on its current quarterly basis? Would you favor an expanded publication in size and number of issues which would be offset by an increase in dues? Would you send in a short article for publication in The Centinel. Could you spare as little as $10 per year for a Centinel ad. Please let your Editor know how you feel. Write me at P.O. Box 45307, Chicago, Illinois 60645. HBE

WHERE DO YOU FIT?

We thought we would share this poem with you in the hopes that it will encourage you to consider your position relative to the C.S.N.S. and other groups of which you are a member:

Some members keep their organization strong,
While other join, just to belong.
Some volunteer and do their share,
While others lie back and just don't care.

On meeting days, some always show,
While there are those who never go.
Some always pay their dues ahead.
Some get behind for months instead.
Some do their best — some build — some make.

Some never do — just sit and wait.
Some lag behind; some let things go and never help their group to grow.
Some drag; some pull; some don't, some do.
Consider — which of these are you?

EIGHT BOOKS

By LEROY J. KACZOR
C.S.N.S. 1959

Over the years, many people in many walks of life have made a list of books that they believe everyone should own or at least read. This is no less true in numismatics. I have read lists written by famous names in coin collecting. All have pet lists that contain works on a special subject or particular interest. Here is a list of eight books which I believe everyone who is associated with coin collecting should have:

1—A Guide Book of United States Coins — Yeoman

2—The Best of the Numismatist, 4 Vols.

3—Primitive Money — Quiggens

4—The Art of Collecting Coins — Forrer

5—Modern World Coins — Yeoman

6—The U.S. Mint and Coinage — Taxey

7—North American Currency — Criswell

8—Numismatic Bibliography — Sigler

To the beginner this may look to be a formidable undertaking to acquire, to the advanced collector a weak conglomeration. Let's take a minute to examine the list.

First. A Guide Book of United States Coins. I believe, from size and cost wise, this is an excellent buy, a world of information, basic to the U.S. Collector.

Second. The Best of the Numismatist. Here is, in four volumes some of the best numismatic writing of the past 75 years, covering a wide range of subjects that should be of interest to all collectors and give an idea of what collecting coins is all about.

Third. Primitive Money, by Quiggens, is a volume of immense interest that lays a foundation for future reading.

Fourth. The Art of Collecting Coins is again a basic type book, but essential to the novice collector.

Fifth. Modern World Coins, by Yeoman, is a basic knowledge book. For its modest cost, it's an excellent buy.

Sixth. The U.S. Mint and Coinage by Don Taxey, goes deep into the how, why, and wherefore of U.S. Coins.

Seventh. North American Currency by Criswell. Here, in one book, is most of what you will want to know about the subject.

Eighth. Numismatic Bibliography by Sigler. In this one book is listed hundreds of books and articles for your future reading and study. I have named this particular book, because it is the least expensive.

The above books can be purchased for $75.00 or less. Purchase one at a time, your library will soon grow into a thing to be proud of. As your interest grows and you become interested in a particular field of numismatics, you will be buying more books — it's the best way to learn — and soon you will join the group of advanced collectors who say, "Who's that nut who wrote an article about EIGHT books!"

Jim Kaczor, Champaign, Illinois, is active in local numismatic affairs and is Vice President of the Illinois Numismatic Association.

Editor's Note: Due to the lack of space in this issue of the "Central Statings" column will not appear. We also regret that the series "A History of United States Proof Coinage" written by the Editor will also be delayed until the April issue. We remind you that your comments, articles and advertisements are most welcome. Please let us hear from you. HE

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